against him in matters other than the case in which he was suspended;

(b) whether it is a fact that NCCF subsequently stated in an affidavit that there was no charge against the said officer; and

(c) if so, who is the officer responsible for misguiding the House or making a false statement and what action is being taken in the matter?.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) As replied earlier, the suspension of the Controller of Accounts & Finance had been revoked by the NCCF Management on 17.5.88 in view of the fact that the CBI in its report relating to the irregularities in the supply of pulses by the NCCF to the Food Corporation of India had not recommended any action against him and NCCF did not considered it necessary to keep him under suspension any longer. The Controller of Accounts & Finance is allegedly involved in the irregularities in the import and sale of dry dates which is currently under regular investigation by the CBI and action against those found guilty will be taken as per law.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Allegation against Manager of NCCF

2674. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1214 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action against the said Manager (P&A) for committing malpractices and irregularities in appointments in NCCF during 1983 to 1985;

(b) whether any enquiry has been instituted to fix the responsibility of the same officer for not making available the records pertaining to indiscriminate purchase and packing of pulses during 1978-79 without inviting tenders and without approval of the competent authority;

(c) whether a fresh enquiry has been conducted into the assets of the said officer which are reported to be of disproportionate to his known sources of income; and

(d) if so, the details of findings of the enquiry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a), (c) and (d) A fresh inquiry into the allegations was made and the Manager (P&A) has been shown prima-facie responsible for certain procedural lapses in making appointments. The assets of the officer have been enquired into. The enquiry report has been referred to the Central Vigilance Commission.

(b) No enquiry has been made as records were not separately maintained for PDS and as a result it is not possible to fix any responsibility in the matter.

Charges against Managers of NCCF

2675. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the improvement brought out after supersession of Board in NCCF by the new management:

(b) whether it is a fact that the managers involved in Akola purchases, Patna potato purchases, appointment scandal and black marketing of Janta cloth, have been given prizes posting by new management and so the officers inducted in various enquiries including CBI inquiries;

(c) what are the conclusions/recommendations of the said expert committee; and

(d) whether the said committee has recommended mass retrenchment to protect the then Manager (Personnel) against whom 'Indian Observer' dated the 31st March, 1986 had levelled charge of receiving 'recruitment fees" of rupees 5 to 10 thousand per appointment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The new management has been making efforts to revitalise the NCCF. A series of economy measures have been introduced to reduce its establishment costs and there has been reduction in losses. However, on business front, the response has yet to come from the organisation.

(b) There is no such thing as one stating being prized as against the others as far as the operations of NCCF are concerned The officers have been transferred for administrative expediency and given postings keeping in view the availability of the officers in the respective grades.

(c) Reference to said expert committee is not connected or clear. Hence no response can be made.

(d) No. Sir. On a fresh inquiry, the concerned Manager has been shown prima facie responsible for lapses in the recruitment during the period from 1983 to 1985 and his case has bten referred to the Central Vigilance Commission for their advice.

Date of application for appointment of Joint Tax Auditors of NCCF

2676. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. K. K. Goel and Associates were appointed as Joint Tax Auditors of NCCF for 1986-87 in June, 1987 pursuant to a formal applicaion by them;

(b) if so, what was the date of application; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The date of application was 20th May, 1987. In the application M/s. K. K. Goel & Associates had indicated their qualifications and past experience and had requested the NCCF to give them the work relating to tax audit for 1986-87.

Stoppage of Allotment of Houses by Directorate of Estates

2677. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate of Estates have stopped alloting houses to some Government offices during the current year on the ground that they should create a pool of their own;

(b) if so, the names of those offices which have created their own separate pool during the current year;

(c) whether the Directorate of Estates intend to place quarters of various types at the disposal of these offices so as to meet their requirements of accommodation for their staff; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) During the current year, only the allotment of general Pool accommodation to the employees of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat has been